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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

A. JOHN APPLEBY
SERGUEY GAMBURZEV

Serial No.: 09/779,683

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTING FUEL CELL COMPONENT WITH DIRECTLY BONDED LAYERS AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME Group Art Unit: 1741

Examiner: M. Wills

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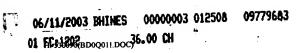
RESPONSE OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 3, 2003

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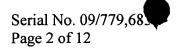
Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was April 3, 2003.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to June 3, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should any additional fees be required for any reason









relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0224.NPUS00.